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SUBJECT: SENATOR GLENN'S TOKYO PRESS CONFERENCE

SUMMARY. IN QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH PRESS,
SENATOR GLENN AGREED WITH DECISION TO WITHDRAW US TROOPS
FROM BOK BUT SAID HE HAVE PREFERRED ADDITONAL CONSULTATION
WITH ASIAN GOVERNMENTS BEFORE FINAL DECISION REACHED; AND TERMED ONE
PERCENT LIMIT ON GOJ DEFENSE EXPENDITURES "UNREALISTIC".
END SUMMARY.

1. IN INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AT PRESS LUNCHEON HOSTED BY
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB AUGUST 31, SENATOR GLENN
NOTED HIS LONG INTEREST IN EAST ASIA, AND
DESCRIBED HIS VARIOUS MEETINGS IN JAPAN AND KOREA.
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR MAINTENANCE OF US MILITARY PRESENCE
IN EAST ASIA, HE NOTED NEED TO
REEVALUATE FORCE STRUCTURES FROM TIME TO TIME, SUCH AS
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WAS NOW BEING DONE. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS NOT
INTENTION OF USG, CONGRESS OR AMERICAN PEOPLE TO
RETREAT INTO ISOLATIONISM. HE WELCOMED RECENT ASEAN DEVELOP-
MENTS AND FUKUDA DOCTRINE IN PARTICULAR. SENATOR
DESCRIBED ENERGY AS WORLD'S MOST PRESSING PROBLEM AND
EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE AT JAPANESE COMPLACENCY ON THIS ISSUE.
NOTING JAPAN'S EXTREME ENERGY VULNERABILITY, HE

SYMPATHIZED WITH JAPANESE POSITION ON NEED FOR TOKAI MURA REPROCESSING PLANT AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CURRENT ROUND OF TALKS WOULD RESULT IN MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION.

2. IN QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WHICH FOLLOWED, SENATOR GLENN STATED HIS AGREED WITH DECISION TO WITHDRAW US COMBAT FORCES ROK BUT WOULD HAVE PREFERRED ADDITIONAL CONSULTATIONS WITH ASIAN NATIONS BEFORE FINAL DECISION WAS REACHED. HE NOTED THAT EVEN AFTER WITHDRAWALS, WHICH WOULD TAKE FIVE YEARS, SOME "TEN TO TWELVE THOUSAND" MILITARY PERSONNEL WOULD BE LEFT IN ROK. THESE WOULD BE PRIMARILY US AIR AND NAVY ELEMENTS, BUT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND LOGISTICS PERSONNEL. HE ALSO UNDERScoreD CONTINUING USG SECURITY COMMITMENT TO ROK. HE ADDED THAT UNTIL CONTENTS OF ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL FOR ROK COMPENSATORY SECURITY PACKAGE BECAME CLEARER, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT CONGRESSIONAL REACTION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUERY, SENATOR GLENN SAID THAT GIVEN JAPAN'S INDUSTRIAL SUCCESS, IT WAS HARD FOR AMERICANS TO UNDERSTAND ITS CONTINUING SMALL DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. NOTING THAT EUROPEAN NATIONS DEVOTE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER PERCENTAGES OF GNP TO DEFENSE. HE DESCRIBED JAPAN'S ONE PERCENT LIMIT ON DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AS "UNREALISTIC" AND SAID JAPAN SHOULD SPEND MORE. SENATOR GLENN CONTINUED THAT WE, PROPERLY, HAVE NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PUSHED FOR JAPANESE "REMILITARIZATION" AND THAT NO ONE WANTED JAPANESE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES. ANY NATION, HOWEVER, MUST ADDRESS REAL DEFENSE NEEDS, AND THIS COULD NOT BE DONE WITHIN ARBITRARY BUDGET LIMITS UNRELATED TO THOSE NEEDS. ASKED WHAT MILITARY RESPONSIBILITIES JAPAN MIGHT "TAKE OVER" FROM THE US IF GOJ INCREASED DEFENSE SPENDING, SENATOR GLENN SAID HE MEANT ONLY THAT JAPAN NEEDED TO MODERNIZE ASW AND AEW AIRCRAFT AND IMPROVE COMPLEMENTARITY OF JAPANESE SELF DEFENSE FORCES WITH US FORCES IN AREA.

4. ON NORMALIZATION WITH CHINA, SENATOR GLENN SAID HE HOPED A FORMULA ACCEPTABLE TO CHINESE ON BOTH SIDES OF TAIWAN STRAIT COULD BE FOUND. HE ADDED THAT US IS NOW "UNFAIRLY ON ONE SIDE OF A CIVIL WAR." SITUATION WHICH SHOULD NOT CONTINUE, BUT NO AMERICAN WANTED SIMPLY TO DUMP TAIWAN. HE COULD NOT, HE SAID, GO ALONG COMPLETELY WITH PRC'S THREE PRINCIPLES.

5. ON KOREA-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS IN US, SENATOR GLENN SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED ISSUE WITH PRESIDENT PARK AND HE AGREED WITH NEARLY UNIVERSAL KOREAN WISH THAT US INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD BE COMPLETED QUICKLY. IT WAS IMPORTANT, HE

SAID, THAT THESE INVESTIGATIONS NOT INTERFERE WITH US
EVALUATION OF ROK'S DEFENSE NEEDS.

7. ON REPROCESSING, SENATOR GLENN SAID OUR MAIN CONCERN
WAS PLUTONIUM - PROLIFERATION, BUT THAT HE WAS ALSO
PERSONALLY SYMPATHETIC WITH JAPAN'S ENERGY NEEDS, AND REITERATED HOPE
FOR SATISFACTORY OUTCOME OF CURRENT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.
IN THIS CONNECTION, HE DESCRIBED HIS OWN PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH
INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL AGENCY WHICH WOULD GUARANTEE ALL
NATIONS ACCESS TO NUCLEAR FUEL ON NON-POLITICAL BASIS.
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